## PLEASE vote NO on HB 5263

This bill will allow the processing of thousans of rabbits and will bring factory-like farming of rabbits to CT under the guise of promoting farming in the state.

THIS IS CRUEL and is a horrible idea.

- 1- Rabbits are the third most common household pet after dogs and cats
- 2- Due to public pressure, Petco and PetSmart stopped selling pet rabbits.

They now only display rescue rabbits for adoption – the same treatment they give to dogs and cats.

- 3-Whole Foods and other specialty stores stopped selling rabbit meat after concluding there was no market for sales.
- 4-The multi-billion-dollar cosmetic industry has been moving away from using rabbits and other animals in their testing programs due to consumer pressure.
- 5-While the rest of the country has recognized and elevated rabbits as pets, CT is taking a step backward in proposing this initiative.

Please write the Commerce Committee now and tell them NO on HB5263. Send your email to <a href="mailto:ctesttimony@cga.ct.gov">Ctesttimony@cga.ct.gov</a> Use any of the points above or just send an email that asks them to vote no on HB 5263.

Think kindly, please.

Respectfully,

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